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SUBJECT:MCO ASSEMBLY: ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATION ORGANIZATION

(IMCO) WILL HOLD ITS EIGHTH ASSEMBLY IN LONDON NOVEMBER 13-23, AT WHICH TIME ELECTION WILL BE HELD TO SELECT A NEW COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL MEETS SEMI-ANNUALLY BETWEEN ASSEMBLIES TO ADMINISTER WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. ON 23 NOVEMBER THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL WILL MEET BRIEFLY TO SELECT A CHAIRMAN. PRECEDENT HAS BECOME ESTABLISHED THAT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, IF DEMONSTRATED TO BE ABLE, IS RE-ELECTED FOR SECOND TERM.

2. INCUMBENT CHAIRMAN, US COAST GUARD REAR ADMIRAL (RET) RODERICK EDWARDS, HAS SERVED ABLY AND EFFECTIVELY DURING FIRST TERM IN THIS OFFICE, AND WE HOPE AND EXPECT HE WILL BE RE-ELECTED FOR SECOND TERM. INITIAL SOUNDINGS WITH SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES, ALL PRESENTLY MEMBERS OF IMCO COUNCIL, INDICATE CONCURRENCE IN THIS, AND EXPECTATION THAT EDWARDS WILL BE RE-ELECTED.

3. PROSPECTS FOR ELECTION OF EDWARDS TO SECOND TERM WOULD BE ENHANCED FURTHER IF ADDRESSEE'S HOST GOVERNMENTS WOULD DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT. WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE INCLINED TO DO SO.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES (A) TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR RE-ELECTION OF EDWARDS, AND (B) REQUEST THEY EXPRESS THEMSELVES FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, AS APPROPRIATE, TO ASSURE THIS OUTCOME AT NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY.

5. REPRESENTATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY BE MADE BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OR DEMARCH AS EMBASSY JUDGES AT ITS DISCRETION WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE. FYI. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES DIPLOMATIC NOTE IS PREFERABLE VEHICLE FOR DOING SO, TWO-TERM PRECEDENT SHOULD NOT BE CITED IN NOTE, BUT MAY BE DRAWN UPON IN SIDE DISCUSSION. END FYI. RESULTS OF APPROACHES SHOULD BE REPORTED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 15.

6. FOR ALGIERS. DELIVERY OF THIS MESSAGE IS LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER IN OUR BEST INTERESTS. KISSINGER
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